

ABOUT THE MAP

Lenoir County, endowed with roads that traverse an agriculturally-rich and gentle terrain, is a joy for bicycle travelers. The county's Bicycle Route system lends itself well to short and long day trips, yet provides enough variety to bicycle for a whole weekend. In addition, the Ocracoke Option, a cross-state route from Wilson to the Cedar Island ferry to Ocracoke passes through Lenoir County, expanding the possibilities for bicycle adventure

This map was developed to enable you to understand the different bicycle trip options. The routes shown on this map are marked by numbered bike route signs. "Share the Road" signs are posted in areas where traffic is heavier and more caution should be taken. Despite these roadside aids, this map will be your most accurate guide since signs do sometimes disappear.

The five bicycle routes, marked in red on the map, are designated along more lightly-traveled and scenic roads. Areas which warrant extra caution are highlighted with a thicker light red line. Names are shown for all roads which are part of a route or which intersect a route. Secondary road numbers are shown for all other roadways. The location of country stores is indicated by a gray square, points of interest locations are highlighted with blue stars and the campground location is marked with a tent symbol. An enlargement of Kinston is included to make finding your way through town easier. The accompanying mileage chart indicates distances between towns via the designated bicycle routes.

With its level landscape, its quiet, winding roads, the pleasant climate and the friendliness of its people, Lenoir County offers a variety of bicycling adventures. So once you get acquainted with the routes on this map, plan a trip and get going!

SERVICES

The towns and crossroads of Lenoir County provide every need for an enjoyable bike trip. Country stores dot the rural areas; grocery stores, restaurants, and overnight accomodations can be found in Kinston. Camping facilities are available at the Neuseway Nature Center in Kinston and nearby at Cliffs of the Neuse State park in neighboring Wayne County.

Since Bill Fay Park, in Kinston, is the "hub" of the bicycle route system and has ample parking facilities, it is a good place to start your trip.

SAFETY TIPS

sidered a vehicle, thus giving bicyclists full rights and responsibilities on the roadway. Bicycle riders are subject to all regulations governing other vehicle drivers and should:

In North Carolina, the bicycle is legally con-

- always ride on the right, with the flow of traffic
- obey all traffic signs and signals
- signal all turns
- · equip their bicycle with a front headlight and rear reflector for riding at night

In addition, bicyclists should ride defensively and predictably and take these precautions:

- always wear a helmet
- ride single file
- look ahead for sand, loose gravel, wet leaves or other hazards
- wear bright clothing
- avoid night riding, especially in rural areas be sure your bicycle is the right size and in good repair

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